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IN RE REISSUE OF: UNITED STATES PATENT 5,755,568

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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SIR:

In connection with the above-identified patent, and the prosecution thereof before the United States Patent and Trademark Office in accordance with the attached Reissue Patent Application, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, the Patentee hereby desires to make of record, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, the following PRIOR ART of which the Patentee is aware and which is also listed upon the attached Information Disclosure Citation under 37 CFR 1.501:

Delalle	5,178,535
Conti	4,567,676
Williams et al.	4,449,925
Rene	4,191,333
Marietta	3,816,065
Mayo et al.	3,776,689

Huber et al.	3,706,824
Falk et al.	3,279,701
Smith	3,113,012
Smith	2,634,633
Linden et al.	2,433,055
Harris	1,434,207
Smallwood	916,209
Smith	532 920

The present invention, in connection with which the present reissue patent application is being prosecuted, is directed toward a multiple flame torch wherein, among other features, the torch comprises a torch tip having a tip head which is planar and has an arcuate extent of at least substantially 240°, and wherein the torch tip has at least three flame orifices from which flames are projected outwardly at a predetermined angle with respect to the plane within which the arcuate tip head is disposed.

While the cited prior art is relevant to the present invention in that the prior art discloses various torch apparatus, it is submitted that such prior art patent publications cited above do not disclose the particular aforenoted features of the present invention, and therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the examiner should merely consider such prior art in its proper perspective, make the same officially of record, and proceed with completion of the examination of this reissue patent application.

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